

Title I Comparability Report

(Section 1120A(c), NCLB)

An LEA may receive Part A, Title I funds only if it uses State and local funds to provide services in Title I schools that are at least comparable to the services provided in non-Title I schools. If all schools in an LEA are Title I schools, the LEA must use State and local funds to provide services that are substantially comparable in each school. Because Title I allocations are made annually, this is an annual requirement. Title I schools must receive comparable services each year. LEAs must maintain records and evidence of procedures for compliance of comparability. Records must be kept on file in the district for five years and made available, upon request, to local, state, and federal authorities for auditing and/or program review purposes.

- ◆ The LEA may exclude schools that have fewer than 100 students (use official enrollment date).
- ◆ A district that has only one school per grade span, with no overlapping grades between schools, does not need to complete a comparability report.
- ◆ Only grade spans that contain more than one school and at least one Title I school need to have comparability computed.

Because the SEA is ultimately responsible for ensuring that LEAs comply with the comparability requirement, the SEA may establish the method a district uses to determine comparability.

Iowa school districts that are required to report on comparability will be notified by the state Title I office. Approximately 18% of Iowa school districts are currently required to report on comparability.

Comparability Report Forms will be sent to districts that must report on comparability. LEAs will use the October 1, 2008 enrollment information from the BEDS report. The Comparability Report is due November 30, 2008.

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Districts required to report Title I Comparability in 2007-08

Ames	Dubuque	Marion Ind	Southeast Polk
Ankeny	Eddyville-Blakesburg	Marshalltown	Spencer
Bettendorf	Fairfield	Mason City	Storm Lake
Boone	Fort Dodge	Mid-Prairie	Union
Burlington	Fort Madison	MOC-Floyd Valley	Urbandale
Cedar Falls	George-Little-Rock	Mount Pleasant	Van Buren
Cedar Rapids	Harlan	Muscatine	Wapsie Valley
Centerville	Highland	Newton	Waterloo
Charles City	Howard-Winneshiek	North Cedar	Waukee
Clear Creek-Amana	Indianola	North Linn	West Central Valley
Clinton	Iowa City	North Polk	Waverly-Shell Rock
College	Johnston	North Scott	Webster City
Council Bluffs	Keokuk	Ottumwa	West Des Moines
Dallas Center-Grimes	Knoxville	PCM	Western Dubuque
Davenport	LeMars	Pella	
Des Moines	Linn-Mar	Pleasant Valley	
Dike-New Hartford	Maquoketa Valley	Sioux City	